

REMARKS

In the Office action mailed August 24, 2004, claim 16 was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form. Applicant requests cancellation of claim 16.

Claims 6, 14-15 and 18-19 were objected to as being confusing and the Examiner suggested a wording change. Applicant thanks Examiner for this suggestion, and herein requests amendment of claims 14-15 and 18-19 to incorporate Examiner's suggested wording. However, with respect to claim 6, the wording selected by Examiner was already contained in claim 6.

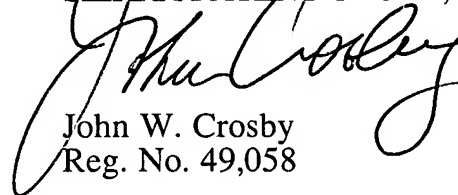
Claim 18 was objected to as being dependent on itself. Examiner was correct in assuming that Applicant intended for claim 18 to depend from claim 17. However, as claim 17 was rejected under 35 USC 102, and Examiner stated that claim 18 would be allowable if it incorporated the limitations of its base claim (claim 17) Applicant herein requests cancellation of claim 17 and incorporates its limitations into amended claim 18.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the objections and rejection have been traversed either by cancellation, amendment or adopting Examiner's suggestions, and requests the Examiner place the present application in condition for allowance.

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